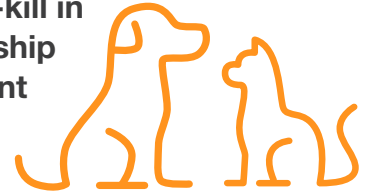


# Chicago's pets deserve better

In 2022, more dogs and cats were killed at Chicago Animal Care & Control than in any other year since 2016. And so far in 2023, the number of dogs and cats losing their lives at the shelter has increased by **37.2%**. Together, we can change that.

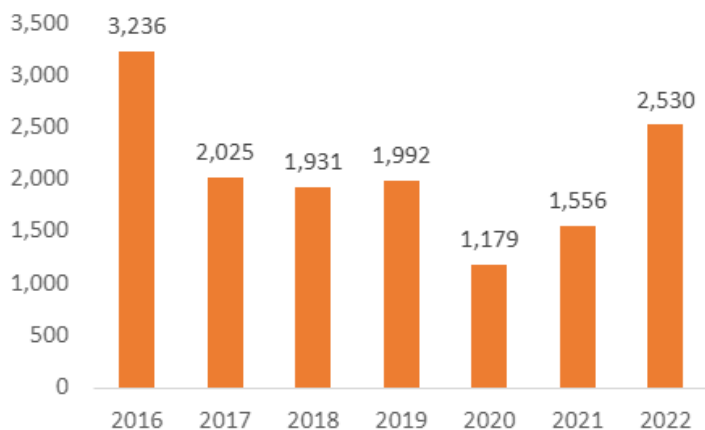
**Chicago Animal Care & Control (CACC) has gotten so close to no-kill in the past and can achieve no-kill in the future with the right leadership and programming. Frequent leadership transitions and inconsistent programming have failed Chicago's animals and citizens, costing Chicagoans tax dollars and thousands of precious lives.**



## Let's give Chicago pets a brighter future

Local rescue groups are ready, willing, and able to help, but they need consistency and cooperation. After more than six months of temporary leadership, it is incumbent upon Chicago's Mayor to do the right thing and conduct a national search for the best candidate to lead CACC. Under leadership committed to serving the people and pets in Chicago, CACC can get back on track toward the goal of making Chicago a no-kill city.

## Year-over-year dog and cat deaths



## Survey results

In a national 2022 survey conducted by Best Friends Animal Society, **85%** of adults felt that it was very important or essential have a no-kill shelter in their area. Additionally, **81%** of people were more likely to support a shelter working toward becoming no-kill.

## How to fix the problem

Without an experienced and vetted CACC director, lives are at stake. That's why the City of Chicago needs to conduct a thorough national search for the best candidate, just like the searches being conducted in Santa Rosa, CA; Blount County, TN; and Manhattan, KS.

The City of Chicago conducts national searches for linemen, staff assistants, and library clerks, and the same should be done for this complex leadership role.

Email Liz Stamper at [Lizs@bestfriends.org](mailto:Lizs@bestfriends.org) to learn how Best Friends can help your community and shelter save more lives today.

